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--15. (Amended) A method according to claim 12 characterised in that the liquid level in the vessel is controlled by the level of an outlet from an upwardly extending chamber which is connected to the vessel outlet.--

**REMARKS**

The purpose of this amendment is to remove multiple claim dependency from the application claims as filed.

Claims 1-15 are submitted for consideration.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of any changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

Early allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7, 9, 10 and 15 as follows:

--5. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] characterised in that the outlet of the vessel is connected to an upwardly extending chamber which itself has an outlet for the first liquid component, the liquid level in the vessel being governed by the height of the outlet from the chamber.--

--7. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] characterised in that the separating member is adapted to float in the vessel at a level determined by the volume of second liquid adsorbed thereby.--

--9. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 6] characterised in that support means are provided to support the separating member in the vessel so that prior to the adsorbing material of the separating member adsorbing second liquid component, a lower part of the separating member is at a desired height in the vessel.--

--10. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] characterised in that the adsorbing material of the separating member is oleophilic such that the separating material is active to adsorb from a

liquid mixture of oil and water, oil.--

--15. (Amended) A method according to claim 12 [any one of claims 12 to 14] characterised in that the liquid level in the vessel is controlled by the level of an outlet from an upwardly extending chamber which is connected to the vessel outlet.--